

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES
MADE, AND LISTING OF ALL CLAIMS WITH PROPER IDENTIFIERS**

1.-4. (Canceled)

5. (New) A magnet holder, comprising:

- a fixed first magnet having a magnet pole surface defined by two poles;
- a second magnet having a magnet pole surface defined by two poles, the second magnet being rotatable about a pivot for movement between an open position in which the poles of the first and second magnet are positioned to repel one another, and a closed state in which the poles of the first and second magnets are positioned to attract one another;

- an actuation device for rotating the second magnet to assume the open position;

- a distance element made of a non-ferromagnetic material and arranged on at least one of the magnet pole surfaces of the first and second magnets, the distance element having a bearing surface sized to cover the other one of the magnet pole surfaces of the first and second magnets by at most 1/3 of an area of the other magnet pole surface; and

- a centering engaging device for absorbing magnetic shear forces in vicinity of the magnet pole surfaces of the first and second magnets.

6. (New) The magnet holder of claim 5, wherein the distance element is arranged in concentric relationship to the pivot.

7. (New) The magnet holder of claim 5, wherein the distance element and the centering engaging device form a unitary structure.

8. (New) The magnet holder of claim 5, wherein the distance element and the centering engaging device are made of a firm plastic material having a low coefficient of friction.

9. (New) The magnet holder of claim 5, wherein the distance element is a projection extending from the one magnet pole surface in a direction toward the other magnet pole surface to prevent a contact between the magnet pole surfaces of the first and second magnets.
10. (New) The magnet holder of claim 5, wherein the distance element is constructed in the form of a flat cylinder made of Teflon.
11. (New) The magnet holder of claim 10, wherein the distance element is a disk having a diameter of 3 mm and a disk thickness of 0.4 mm.
12. (New) The magnet holder of claim 5, further comprising a top part for accommodating one of the first and second magnets, and a bottom part for accommodating the other one of the first and second magnets, the centering engaging device including engagement elements formed on one of the top and bottom parts for engagement in recesses on the other one of the top and bottom parts.
13. (New) The magnet holder of claim 12, wherein the engagement elements are constructed in the form of projections extending from the one of the top and bottom parts in a direction toward the other one of the top and bottom parts.
14. (New) The magnet holder of claim 7, wherein the unitary structure is a cylindrical plug connection having a centering cone for engagement in a recess of the other one of the magnet pole surfaces of the first and second magnets.
15. (New) The magnet holder of claim 5, wherein the actuating device is a lever operatively connected to the second magnet.